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## **DC National Guardsmen return from Iraq**

**WASHINGTON D.C.** – Soldiers of the 372<sup>nd</sup> Military Police (MP) Battalion safely redeployed Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to Fort Dix, NJ after a year long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While stationed at Camp Victory, Iraq, the 372<sup>nd</sup> had the mission of "helping train the Iraqi Police from ground zero, up to a level where they could sustain themselves in providing security for the Iraqi people, said Lt. Col. Aaron Dean, commander, 372<sup>nd</sup> MP Battalion. The 372<sup>nd</sup> diligently worked toward the goal of stabilizing the Iraqi Police and training them to eventually maintain their own forces.

Family members, fellow soldiers, and friends greeted the redeployed soldiers as they returned to Fort Dix, NJ to complete the demobilization process. There will be a Freedom Salute held in honor of the 372<sup>nd</sup> here at the DCNG Armory, Friday, December 15, 2006 at 1200 hrs..

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